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Applicant: David S. GARVEY et al. Confirmation No.: 8446

Application No.: 10/581,340 Art Unit: 1626

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Title: NITRIC OXIDE RELEASING PYRUVATE COMPOUNDS,

COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS OF USE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 29, 2008, Applicant hereby provisionally elects claims 1-4, 11-15, 19 and 20 for continued examination.

Applicants respectfully elect Examiner's Group I drawn to compounds, compositions and kits of Formula (I).

In response to the election of species, Applicant provisionally elect N-[(1S)-2-(nitrooxy)-1-phenylethyl]-2-oxopropanamide; with traverse. The compound has the following structure:

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The synthesis of the compound is disclosed in Example 4 in the specification at, for example, page 63, line 28 to page 64, line 27.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0219, under Order No. 0102258.00368US2 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,

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